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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Navy Junior ROTC Rifle Team of Zion Benton Township High School on winning first place at the 2004 Secretary of the Navy National Championships at Fort Benning, Georgia, and placing third at the All-Service national competition; and

WHEREAS, The team competed against 582 Navy JROTC teams; the first place win qualified the team to compete at the All-Service competition which adds the Army and Marine ROTC units; with a total of 1,200 teams with 6,000 shooters competing, the Navy Junior ROTC Rifle Team of Zion Benton Township High School placed third, the highest a Navy team has ever finished in the history of the competition; and

WHEREAS, The members of the team are David Ferger, Chad Loesch, Justin Myers, John Pitts, and Eric Poulsen; the coach of the team is Master Chief Dan Hackstein; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Eric Poulsen was one of the top 8 shooters and qualified for finals; he placed third overall; and

WHEREAS, At the Illinois State National Rifle Association Team Junior Olympic tryouts, Eric Poulsen, David Ferger, and Jon Pitts qualified to represent the State of Illinois at the World Championship match in July in Idaho; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Navy Junior ROTC Rifle Team of Zion Benton Township High School on winning first place at the 2004 Secretary of the Navy National Championships and on placing third at the All-Service competition; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to each member and the coach of the Navy Junior ROTC
3 Rifle Team of Zion Benton Township High School as an expression
4 of our esteem and with best wishes for their future success.